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SUBJECT: FOREIGN DISASTER EMERGENCY RELIEF

- 1. AS DEPART/AID AWARE FROM NEWS REPORTS, MINYA AND ASSIUT PROVINCES IN UPPER EGYPT HAVE SUFFERED SEVERE FLOOD DAMAGE AS RESULT OF TORRENTIAL RAINS. ESTIMATES ARE THAT SOME 15 TO 21 VILLAGES DESTROYED, 10,000 HOMELESS AND 15 DEAD. IN COURSE OF DAY, THESE FIGURES HAVE BEEN INCREASING. GOE IS RUSHING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO FLOOD STRICKEN PROVINCES.
- 2. AS I UNDERSTAND IT, EMERGENCY RELIEF AUTHORITY NORMALLY VESTED IN AMBASSADOR NOW REQUIRES PRIOR WASHINGTON APPROVAL. ON CONTINGENCY BASIS, REQUEST AUTHORITY TO USE UP TO \$25,000 FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF PURPOSES, PROVIDED FINDINGS OF AN EMBASSY/AID TEAM WHICH I AM DEPLOYING TO AFFECTED AREAS TOMORROW MORNING FINDS A REAL EMERGENCY EXISTS AND AN EFFECTIVE US EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAM CAN BE MOUNTED WITHIN AUTHORIZED AMOUNT. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3. APART FROM HUMANITARIAN ASPECTS, MODEST EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AT THIS TIME TO STRICKEN AREAS COULD HAVE POSITIVE POLITICAL IMPACT. EILTS
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